NATURAL NEWS

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CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

JOHN FLYNN APPOINTED MACARTHUR CURATOR

Dear Colleagues:

It is a great pleasure to announce the appointment of **John J. Flynn** as MacArthur Curator. John continues to distinguish himself as an outstanding contributor to the Museum in research, collections and public learning. John has also made important contributions in administrative and many other roles. We are delighted to have John as our colleague and look forward to many more years of productive association with him at The Field Museum.

Sincerely,
Sandy Boyd, President

SPEAKER GINGRICH TOURS THE FIELD MUSEUM

On August 16 Congressman Newt Gingrich spent three hours at The Field Museum and was given a tour by **Sandy Boyd, Peter R. Crane** and **John Flynn.** The Speaker visited the Departments of Geology and Zoology and also toured the **Bats** and **Life Over Time** exhibits.

DILLON ELECTED TO COMMISSION

Michael Dillon (Botany) was elected to the Flora Neotropica Commission, an organization devoted to the study of the taxonomy and systematics of the flora of tropical regions of the New World. The Commission is made up of 160 individuals from thirty countries and meets annually.

The Nuveen Forum at The Field Museum -- ***The Creation of National Identity***
Thursday, September 7, 1995; 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Leaders: Migdalia Rivera, The Latino Institute and **Chip Stanish**, The Field Museum

JOHN FLYNN APPOINTED ASSOCIATE CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

John Flynn (Geology) has been named associate chair of the Committee on Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago. The Committee on Evolutionary Biology is a doctoral-degree-granting academic unit within the Biological Sciences at The University of Chicago. The Committee consists of faculty members with primary appointments in Departments from all four graduate Divisions within the University (Anthropology, Ecology and Evolution, History, Geophysical Sciences, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Organismal Biology and Anatomy, Psychology, and Philosophy) and lecturers and researchers from Argonne National Laboratory, Brookfield Zoo, and The Field Museum. John has long been an active member of the Committee and will play a key role in the leadership of the program overall and its coordination at The Field Museum in particular.

AQUARAP: A RAPID ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR TROPICAL AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

During the week of August 28, seven scientists from the United States and South America will join **Barry Chernoff** (Zoology, Fishes) and **Debbie Moskovits** (Environmental and Conservation Programs) to begin a new conservation initiative for aquatic ecosystems in South America. The purpose of the workshop will be to establish protocols for the rapid assessment of tropical aquatic ecosystems. The workshop, proposed jointly by The Field Museum and Conservation International, was funded by the W. Alton Jones Foundation and represents the first step for Aquarap. The protocols developed at the workshop will then be tested in Peru and Bolivia on the Río Mididi in the spring of 1996. The visiting participants are Dr. Adrian Forsyth, Conservation International; Dr. Celio Magalhaes, INPA, Brasil; Dr. Ramiro Barriga, Escuela Politecnica Nacional, Ecuador; Dr. Hernan Ortega, Museo de Historia Natural, Peru; Dr. Antonio Machado, Universidad Central de Venezuela; Dr. Naercio Menezes, Universidade de São Paulo, Brasil; and Dr. Blanca León, USDA.

DILLON VISITS PERU

Michael Dillon (Botany) recently returned from six weeks in Peru where he attended a symposium in Trujillo, "Strategies for Bio-Conservation in Northern Peru" (July 2-7). The meeting was attended by over 300 participants and eighteen speakers from Argentina, Mexico, Peru, Spain, the United States (FMNH, Harvard University, New York Botanical Garden). Dillon spoke on the "Role of the INTERNET in the Biodiversity Crisis." Concurrent with the symposium, Dillon taught a course, "Botanical Database Construction and Information Management Techniques for Herbaria" offered at the Computation Laboratory of the Universidad Privado Antenor Orrego (UPAO) where he is a visiting professor. The post-graduate course was attended by over thirty participants from throughout Peru.

A FOND FAREWELL

Having been a native Chicagoan for nearly all of my life, I was extremely proud to have been chosen to help guide the Museum into the 20th century. The twenty-two plus years I spent in service to the Museum, added to the many years of pleasure I spent at the Museum in my youth.

At times, especially during the major construction/remodeling projects, the undertaken tasks seemed hopeless, but with your patience, understanding, and assistance, we prevailed to make the institution a more comfortable and world- renowned place to work.

The many friendships that have developed during the years will not be forgotten. To those many that asked me not to be a stranger and to visit often I shall try to comply. And to those I missed during my final farewells I hope to see you when I drop in.

It has truly been an honor to serve you all in my position.

Norm Radtke

A REMINDER TO *FLATTEN* THOSE BOXES

Since March we've been recycling *mountains* of cardboard every week. As a reminder, all corrugated cardboard boxes are recyclable, provided they are not contaminated with food. Please keep the boxes *out* of the garbage but FLATTEN them so Housekeeping can take them to the recycling site in Shipping. Boxes must be collapsed, not smashed, and all contents must be removed (remember, clean styrofoam peanuts and bubblewrap can be collected for recycling, too). If you don't already have a collection spot for flattened cardboard in your area, get together with your co-workers and designate one. Thanks for your cooperation!

Our sincere condolences to **Nancy Adams** (Visitor Services) and **Richard Leigh** (Security) who are brother and sister, on the death of their niece and sister. Their niece was killed in an automobile accident on Friday, August 18 in Louisiana. On the family's return trip from the funeral of their niece, their sister died of a heart attack on Wednesday, August 23. Our prayers are with them both. Their sister's funeral was held Monday, August 28. Cards and other tokens of condolences maybe given to the Security or Visitor Services Departments and they will give them to the family.

NEW PHONE NUMBERS IN INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

With the creation of the Campaign Office in Institutional Advancement, some phone extensions have been reassigned and some added. Here's the new lineup:

Willard White, Vice President	857
Assistant to the Vice President	617
Leo Schwartz, Campaign Manager	885
Campaign Secretary	210
Campaign Writer	359

Please make a note of these new numbers. Thank you.

Pat and **Donna Herendeen** are now the proud parents of **Sarah Marie,** born August 4, 1995 and weighing in at 3 lbs. 7 oz. Baby, Mom and Dad are all reported to be doing fine!

Congratulations to **Ruben** and **Leticia Villaneuva** on the birth of their son **Ruben del Jose** on August 15. He was 6 lb. 13 oz. Both mother and son are doing well.

FIX UP STRIKES AGAIN!

The Exhibits Department Fix-Up Project recently renovated the Tobacco/Alcohol/ Drugs case in **Plants of the World.** The original exhibit, installed around 1970, made little mention of the serious health and social consequences of these substances. A new introductory panel was created, and new labels written and installed.

Thanks go to volunteer **Alan Sheffner** for spearheading the effort, doing all the research and writing. Additional thanks to **Bill Burger, John Engel, Susan Curran, Mike Paha** and the Production crew, **Pam Gaible, Wil Grewe-Mullins** and Anthropology Collections Management, **Lara Furniss, Lynn Hobbs, John Cannon,** and **Gene Dillenburg.**

...AND AGAIN!

As this issue of the *Natural News* goes to press, Fix-Up is working on installing a new display on Contemporary Navaho Weaving in the back of Hall 7 **(Indians of the Plains and West Coast).** The case of Nightway masks was deinstalled a couple years ago at the request of the Navaho, and this new display fills the hole in the hall.

Thanks go to former intern **Karen Pernia** for her outstanding research and writing. Thanks also go to **Jonathan Haas, Mary Ann Williams, Liz Riegle, Lynn Hobbs, Mike Paha** and crew, **Cap Sease, Pam Gaible, Ben Bronson,** Anthropology Collections Management, and **Gene Dillenburg.**

...AND AGAIN!

When we weren't looking, the two cases of Caitlin portraits in Hall 5 **(Indians of the Woodlands and Prairies)** were reinstalled, as part of the on-going effort to return to display objects which have been removed over the years. Due to conservation concerns and an upcoming loan, several new portraits are now on display. Thanks to **Pam Gaible, Chris Gross,** and **Cap Sease** for continuing this effort.

This work will be suspended for the next two months, and the Exhibits Mount Shop concentrates on the Travelling Africa exhibit. We hope to return to this project later this year.

And finally, thanks to all who have offered kind words about the Fix-Up article in the current issue of *In The Field.* Your kindness is appreciated.

CHECK PICK-UP TIMES

In order to facilitate the distribution of checks, we have established set times when they may be picked up.

Check requisitions received by **noon Monday** may be picked up after **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

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PLEASE NOTE: "Check requisitions received by" means that the check requisitions are in the Accounts Payable office with all the appropriate signatures and back-up.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.

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Museum Wide Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Jazz Festival	2 Jazz Festival 5:30-12:10pm SE Hurley Wedding, SFH/Bal 300
3 Jazz Festival 3:00pm BEARS 5:00pm-12:00am SE Friedman Wedding, EFM, North Lawn	4 Staff Holiday/Labor Day "MN" Exhibit Closes to the Public	5	6	7 7:30am-9:30pm SE Chicago ,SFH 5:00-9:00pm Conversations Forum, LHI	8	9 10:00am-3:00pm Meso Amer Vol Tr., LH2 10:00am-2:00pm Neightbors Day, EFM 6:00-10:00pm SE LaCusini, SFH 300
10	11 7:00-10:30pm SE Chgo Hang Gliding, LHI 7:30-10:00pm SE Primitive Art Society, JST 8:00pm BEARS	12 6:00-9:00pm DEV Stewardship Dinner, Rice/SFH	13 9:00am-3:00pm Meso Amer Vol Tr., LH2 6:00-9:00pm SE IIT, SFH/Bal 350	14	15 8:00am-12:30pm New Staff & Vol Orientation, LHI	16 9:00am-3:00pm Meso Amer Vol Tr., LH2 7:00-10:00pm SE Wellenstein & Wagner,SFH 300
17	18 WB Fashion Show Set-Up, JST 3:00-5:00pm Bxh Staff Mting, Maori House 6:30-10:00pm SB Camera Club, LH2 7:00-11:00pm SB On The Scene(ACUA) BFM 350	19 WB Fashion Show Set-Up, JST 6:30-9:30pm SE sony Electronics, SFH 300	20 WB Fashion Show Set-Up, JST 9:00am-3:00pm Meso Amer Vol Tr., LH2 7:00-10:00pm SE ADESA, Rice 75	21 WB Fashion Show Set-Up, JST 6:00-9:00pm SE Printing Industry, SFH 350	22 6:00am-5:00pm Women's Board Fashion Show, LHII	23 9:00am-3:00pm Meso Amer Vol Tr., LH2 5:45pm-9:00am ED Family Overnight
24	25	26	27 9:00am-3:00pm Meso Amer Vol Tr., LH2 7:00-10:00pm SE On the Scene, EFM 1000	28 2:00-10:00pm SE APA, JST	29 PIP Overnight	30 3:00-9:00pm SE Sir D. Attenborough Lecture, LST 6:00-10:00pm SE Princeton Reunion, Rice/Mam of Asia 150

8/25/1995

"BOOKABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 4	2nd	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Barbara Ip	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} Exhibits Dept.
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} consulted prior to confirmation

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)
P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)
S = Special Events

Following the symposium, Dillon conducted field work with scientists from the Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca (UNC) in "Bosque de Protección del Alto Mayo," an expanse of over 182,000 hectares in the Selva Alta near Rioja, San Martín. While in the Cajamarca, he met with Dr. Ceasar Parades Canto, Rector of Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca and 2nd Vice-President of the Republic, to initiate a project to inventory the aforementioned forests.

FIELD MUSEUM SCIENTISTS ATTEND AIBS MEETINGS

Peter R. Crane (Geology), **Pat Herendeen** (Geology) and students from the paleobotany labs (**Susanna Magallan-Puebla**, **Hallie Sims**, **Richard Lupie**, and **Melinda Brady**) just returned from the annual American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) meetings in San Diego. This group presented a total of seven papers. Susanna Magallan-Puebla was awarded the Maynard Mosely Prize of the Developmental and Structural and Paleobotanical Sections of the Botanical Society for the best paper in plant evolution. Susanna's paper was a detailed analysis of a species of eighty million year old fossil flowers from Georgia and analysis of its relationships with its living relatives.

Tom Lammers (Botany) presented a paper in the sessions of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. This paper was the result of research conducted in Tom's lab by **Susan Wynocki**, an undergraduate botany major at Miami University who spent last summer at The Field Museum on a Scholarship Committee internship.

Greg Mueller, **Qiuxin Wu**, **Jack Murphy**, **Sabine Huhndorf** (all in Botany) and **John Paul Schmit** (graduate student at University of Chicago) presented papers at the Mycological Society of America Meetings held in conjunction with AIBS. **Betty Strack** (Botany) and **Aleksa Kosinski** (UIC undergraduate student and NSF intern working with Greg) also attended the meetings. In addition to his presentations, Greg attended the Mycological Society of America's Council meeting as Councilor for Systematics and Evolution, the *Mycologia* Editors meeting as one of the new associate editors for the journal, and called a meeting of participants in the upcoming workshop that Greg is organizing (October 15-19 in Beltsville, Maryland) designed to establish standardized sampling protocols for fungi.

MUELLER AND MERRILL PUBLISH ON MACROFUNGI AND BRYOPHYTES

Greg Mueller and **Gary Merrill**, **Botany**, are the authors of contributed articles appearing in the newly published volume, "Our living resources: a report to the nation on the distribution, abundance, and health of U.S. plants, animals, and ecosystems.", published by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Biological Service. Mueller's article summarizes current status and trends affecting macrofungi (mushrooms, morels, puffballs, bracket fungi, and cup fungi); Merrill's article deals with similar trends in bryophytes (mosses, liverworts, and hornworts). Authors representing 15 federal agencies, 15 state agencies, 25 universities, and 13 private organizations, contributed over 200 articles to the 530 page book, which is the first publication of the Status and Trends Program in the National Biological Service. As described in the preface, by Ron Pulliam, Director of the NBS, the report "compiles for scientists, managers, and the lay public information on species and the ecosystems on which they depend, bringing

together for the first time a wealth of information about our nation's biological wealth. It provides information on causes of decline of species, and identifies research needs by highlighting information gaps that must be filled if we are to achieve a more comprehensive understanding of current conditions and the anticipated impact of change."

LaRoe, E. T., G. S. Farris, C. E. Puckett, P. D. Doran & M. J. Mac (eds.) . 1995. *Our living resources: a report to the nation on the distribution, abundance, and health of U.S. plants, animals, and ecosystems.* U.S. Department of the Interior, National Biological Service, Washington, D.C. 530 pp.

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

CHARLES STANISH NEW CHAIR OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Academic Affairs is pleased to announce that effective September 1, **Chip Stanish** will take over from **Ben Bronson** as Chair of the Department of Anthropology. We all wish Chip well in this new position and thank Ben for all his hard work over the last few years.

ANOTHER APPOINTMENT FOR SEASE

Cap Sease has been appointed to the Conservation and Heritage Management Committee of the Archeological Institute of America by the President of the organization. This committee serves to further the AIA's involvement in a range of current issues and concerns related to archeological site and artifact conservation and preservation. It is also charged with developing ways in which the AIA can expand its relations with other organizations concerned with these same issues, such as UNESCO, AIC, IICROM, and ICOMOS as well as major U.S. and Canadian agencies.

WOMAN IN THE EYES OF MAN: IMAGES OF WOMEN IN JAPANESE ART

This exhibit will open at the David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, on September 12 and will be open to the public until December 4. The exhibit is based primarily on the Boone Collection at The Field Museum. The exhibit represents a collaboration between three Chicago educational institutions. Displayed at the University of Chicago, the exhibition is organized by Elizabeth Lillehoj, Associate Professor of Art History at DePaul University, and was developed by **Carolyn Moore,** Associate for Japanese Collections in the Department of Anthropology at The Field Museum. The exhibit is accompanied by a catalogue that contains an article by Carolyn Moore. Design and production of the catalogues is by Ron Dorfman and the photographs are by John Weinstein. The catalogue and exhibit were supported in part by grants from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Illinois General Assembly, the DePaul University Research Council, the Center for Global Partnership and private individuals.